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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANT : Moscarello, M. et al  
INVENTION : **Method for Diagnosing  
Multiple Sclerosis and an  
Assay Therefore**  
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/992,174  
FILING DATE : Nov. 14, 2001  
EXAMINER : Counts, Gary W.  
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To: Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002  
having a shortened statutory period for response set to  
expire March 3, 2003, and extended to June 3, 2003 by the  
attached Petition for Extension of Time and appropriate fee,  
kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows, no  
new matter is added:

**In The Claims:**

Claim 22 (Currently Amended). A method for  
diagnosing or monitoring multiple sclerosis (MS) in a mammal

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